



I-69 Strategic Corridor Planning Study

Eddyville to Henderson, Kentucky

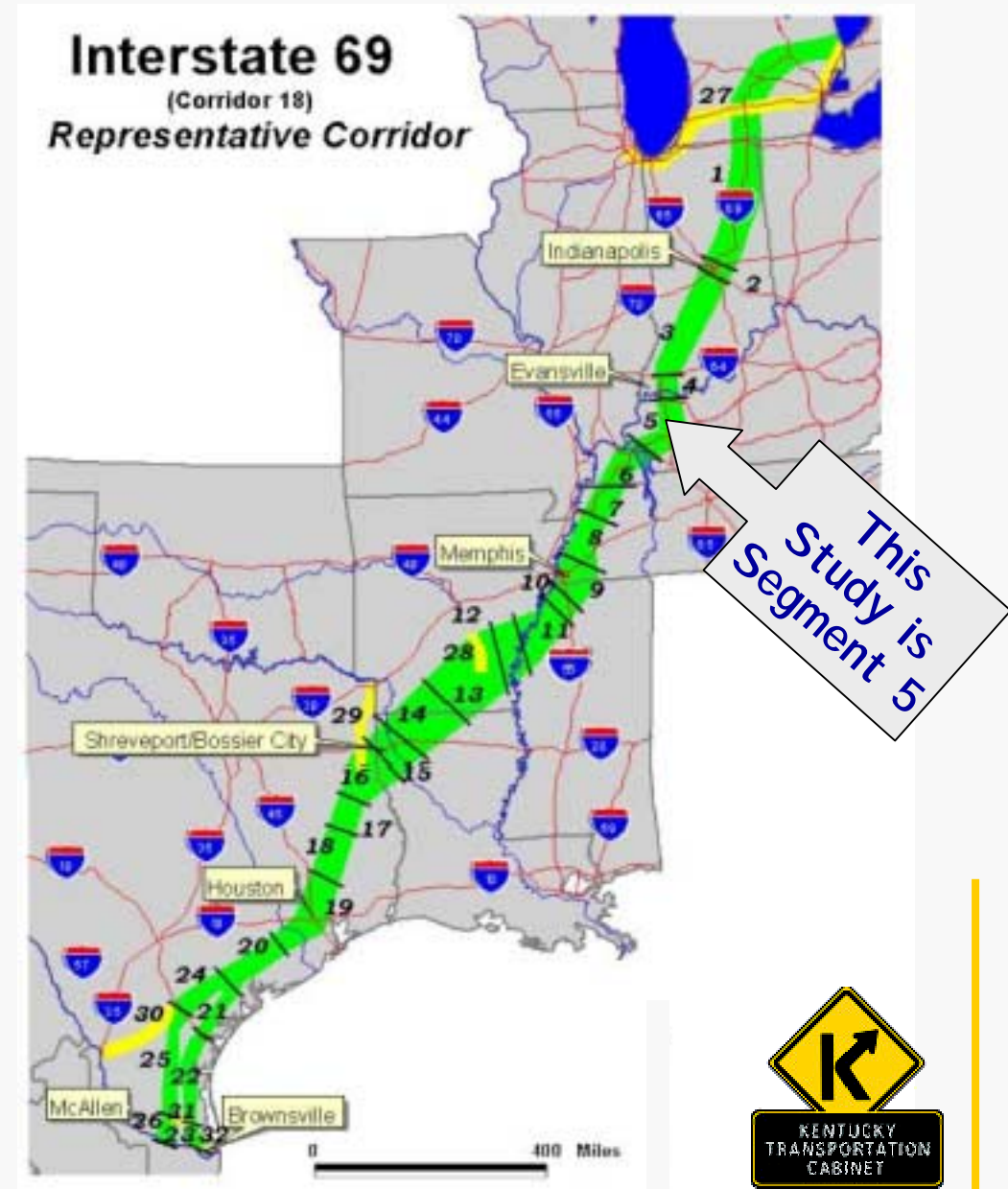
Lyon, Caldwell, Hopkins, Webster and
Henderson Counties





I-69 Project Background

- The proposed Interstate 69 highway would stretch from Michigan to the Texas/Mexico Border.
- I-69 is divided into 32 segments.
- This study will consider the segment between Eddyville and Henderson.
- Other studies are being conducted on the remaining I-69 segments.





The Planning Study for I-69 from Eddyville to Henderson

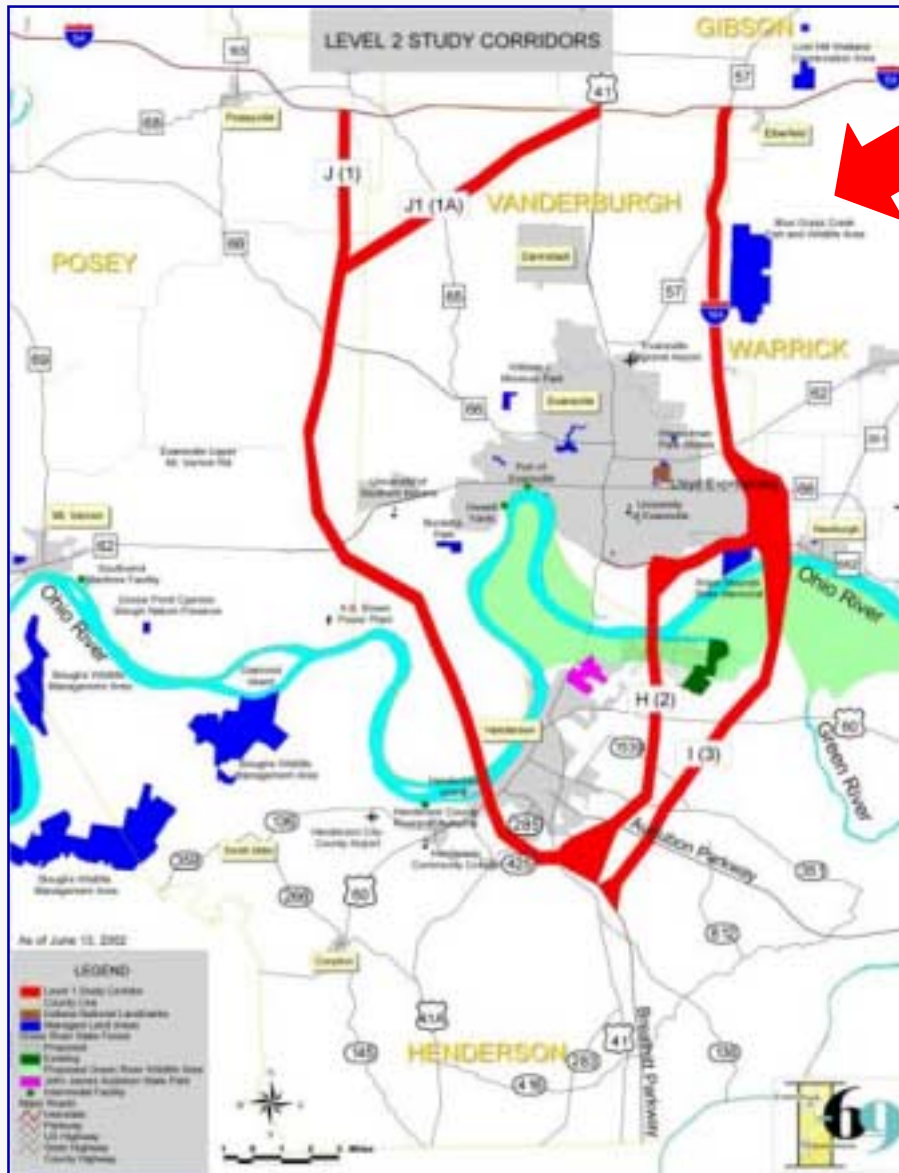


- Will consider what highway improvements are needed to meet interstate highway standards for the:
 - The Wendell H. Ford (Western Kentucky) Parkway, and
 - The Edward T. Breathitt (Pennyrile) Parkway.
- The study begins near Eddyville at I-24.
- The study ends near Henderson at the Henderson Bypass (KY 425).





Other Studies of I-69 Are Also Taking Place



The Henderson to Evansville Study is looking at alternative routes for I-69 and a new Ohio River Crossing.

Another study is being conducted for I-69 between Evansville and Indianapolis.

Studies are occurring for I-69 between Memphis, TN and the Kentucky State Line.





The Eddyville to Henderson I-69 Study Will Look At:

- How much auto and truck traffic uses the parkways today and in the future?
- Where do possible problems exist (accidents, too much traffic, etc.)?
- Where are the parkways not built the same as Interstate Highways and what problems result?





The Eddyville to Henderson I-69 Study Will Look At:

- What types of areas might need special attention? (homes, parks, schools, churches, streams, wildlife, plants, and other things)
- What does the public think?
 - People who live and work in the area.
 - People who drive the parkways.





Preliminary Goals for the I-69 Study Include:

Meet Goals for the National I-69 Project:

- Move goods efficiently from one place to another.
- Help create more jobs within communities.
- Provide better highways to travel.

Meet Goals for the Eddyville to Henderson Area:

- Improve existing parkways.
- Help businesses ship goods in and out of region.
- Make roads easier to travel on.

Are There Other Goals?





Traffic and Access Issues:



Are there areas where there is too much traffic today or there might be too much traffic in the future?



Do existing interchanges need to be rebuilt to handle more traffic? Should new interchanges be planned?



What might be done to help highway and truck traffic? (New Weigh Stations, Rest Areas, etc.)





Examples of Highway Design Issues:



What changes need to be made to the parkways to allow them to meet Interstate Highway Standards?



Where might shoulders need to be widened or repaved?



Where might bridges be too narrow or need to be strengthened?



Where are bridges that pass over the roadways not high enough to allow adequate clearance for taller trucks?





Examples of Highway Design Issues:



Should medians (the grass area in the middle of the highway) be widened or have barriers installed to improve safety?

Where might areas off the edge of the roadway be too steep or need to be widened?





Examples of Environmental Issues:

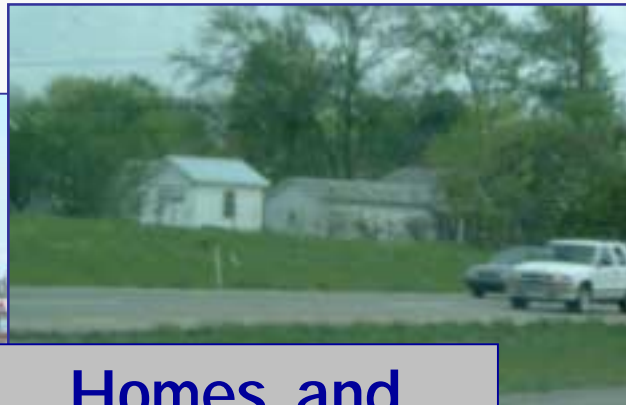
Identify environmental areas or other things that might need special attention? (Some examples are shown below)



Natural Areas,
Wildlife
Habitats



Parks and
Recreational
Areas



Homes and
Businesses



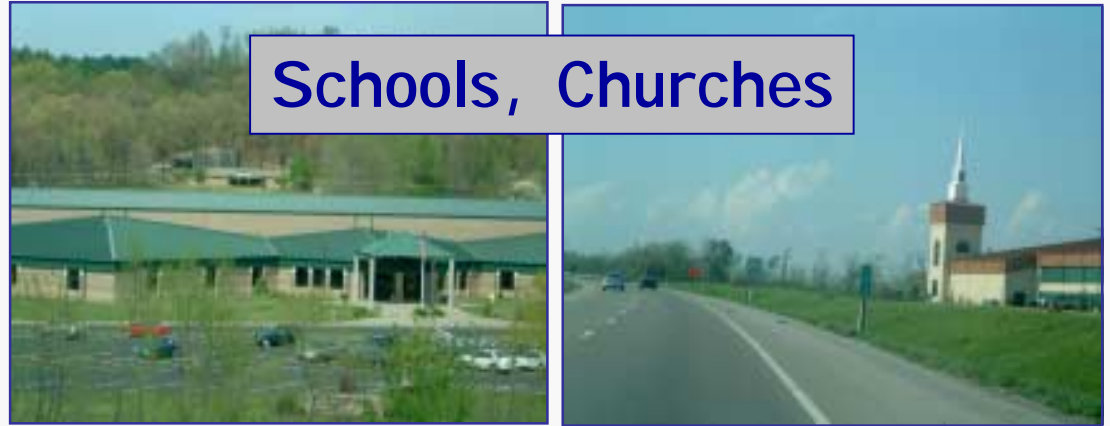


Additional Examples of Environmental Issues:

Farms



Schools, Churches



Water, Streams,
Wetland Areas



Mining,
Oil & Gas



Some Other Issues Might Include: Historic Properties, Archaeological Sites, Low Income or Minority Neighborhoods, Air Quality, Noise, Cemeteries, etc.





How Will a Decision for I-69 be Made?

Many Different Things will be Taken into Consideration to Decide the Best Option for I-69:

- What is needed to meet Interstate Highway Standards?
- What is needed to safely handle the autos and trucks that will use I-69?
- How will motorists and the communities benefit from I-69?
- Could problems result that might affect people, the environment or other important places?
- How much will it cost and how long will it take to build?
- What does the public think?



Public Input Opportunities

Your Opinion is Important!

Thank you for taking the time to come to this meeting and tell us what you think.

- Please talk to staff with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Project Engineers who are at this meeting.
- Please ask questions about the project and give use your ideas!!
- Pick up a project brochure.
- Complete a questionnaire.





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The following meetings are scheduled:

Monday September 23
Henderson County High School





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- Surveys and project information will also be given to motorists and citizens in the area.
- If you are a member of an organization that would like more information, please see a staff member at this meeting.
- More public meetings will take place next spring to present our findings and preliminary recommendations for I-69.





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